

Washington, D.C. – With the October 15 deadline to file a 2007 income tax return fast approaching, Congressman Bishop today urged his constituents to take the necessary steps to ensure they receive their economic stimulus payments. This includes the estimated 4.3 million retirees and disabled veterans who may be eligible to receive a stimulus payment, but who normally don't file a tax return.

“At a time when the price of almost everything is rising, it is absolutely crucial that everyone who is eligible, especially our seniors, veterans, and disabled citizens, take the necessary steps to receive their economic stimulus checks,” said Bishop. “If you or a friend or loved one falls into one of these categories, I strongly urge you to please fill out the forms necessary to receive the stimulus payments.”

The IRS has yet to hear from an estimated 4.2 million people who receive certain Social Security benefits and 178,000 who receive certain Veterans Affairs benefits. The agency twice has sent to this group letters that enclosed a Form 1040A, a sample tax form and instructions for sending the tax return to the IRS.

If these instructions have been misplaced, the fastest way to obtain a Package 1040A-3 is to go to IRS.gov or to local IRS offices. There are more than 400 local offices nationwide where people can get assistance in preparing the return as well. A return also can be prepared and submitted for free through Free File which is available at IRS.gov.

Those with specific questions may also contact 1-866-234-2942.